

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 11, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. February 11, (1903.) Dear Alec:

Enclosed I send you six cheques which I think will be as many as you need.

I hope you are getting on comfortably and had a good night's sleep. You don't know how I always hate saying goodbye whenever we part, it seems worse every time. It actually was almost as much as I could do to keep from crying when the train moved out and I couldn't see your white head any more. I saw you when you couldn't see me. I do love you and want to be always with you. It's a horrid wet day, dark and dreary and I am sure would be bad for your rheumatism. I am sorry I wrote you as I did last night. I was feeling a little put out with Bert, but I don't think it was fair. They have never asked us for any help and don't now according to their views. They simply thought that if we had \$1200.00 lying idle in the bank and wouldn't want it for a month we might let them have the use of it on the security of their stock which they agreed to sell at 24 hours' notice if we needed the cash. There is no harm in this except that having done it once it would be difficult to refuse a second time. I thought we could make them feel all right if instead we gave them the \$3500.00 outright and while I did not feel that there was any need for our helping them in a speculation however safe, I did feel that there was reason why we should help them with the white elephant of a house we saddled them with.

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Bert has never hinted that he felt things in this way, he has never suggested that his \$3500.00 represents just about the saving he intended to make on the architect plans and I know that the amount is \$3500.00 simply because I asked him. I think he has really behaved very well and carefully. It is only my own feeling that I would myself feel happier

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about Elsie's house if we helped them to this difference. Please telegraph me 9 East 46th St . New York.

Lovingly, Yours ever.